



OSPD & MPDA
2023 Spring Public Defender Conference
April 26-28, 2023
Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast – Bay St. Louis, Mississippi



Wednesday, April 26, 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm	MPDA Board Meeting (<i>lunch provided</i>) <i>Salon B and C</i>	
11:00am – 12:45pm	Registration <i>Pre Function Area</i>	
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Welcome Andre' de Gruy – <i>State Public Defender</i> Jason Payne – <i>MPDA President</i> Erin Briggs – <i>OSPD Training Director</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	
1:00pm – 2:30pm (1.5hr)	<u>Main Track</u> <i>Back to the Basics of Evidence</i> Ieshaah Murphy – <i>Asst. Professor,</i> <i>University of District of Columbia –</i> <i>David A Clarke School of Law</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<u>Appellate Track</u> <i>Storytelling on Appeal</i> Megan Sanders – <i>Drazen, Wisconsin</i> <i>Defense Initiative</i> <i>Salon B</i>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break (<i>refreshments</i>)	
2:45pm – 4:00pm (1.25 hr)	<i>Motions to Suppress: Electronic Evidence</i> Sidney Thaxter, <i>Senior Litigator, Fourth Amendment Center - NACDL</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	
4:00pm – 5:00pm (1hr)	<i>Cultural Collisions : Removing Communication Barriers with Clients</i> Lori James- Townes, <i>LCSW-C, Executive Director, NAPD</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	
5 :00pm – 5 :45pm	MPDA Board Meeting <i>Cypress C</i>	



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Thursday, April 27, 2023

7 :00am – 8 :30am	Breakfast <i>Cypress B</i>	
7 :30am – 8 :30am	Registration <i>Pre-Function Area</i>	
8 :30am- 9 :30am (1hr)	<u>Main Track</u> <i>Motions to Suppress: Car Stops</i> – Omodare Jupiter, <i>Federal Public Defender</i> - Mississippi <i>Cypress C</i>	<u>Investigator Track</u> <i>How to Analyze Discovery & Organize Your Investigation</i> – Kevin McClain, <i>McClain Private Investigations, LTD.</i> <i>Salon A</i>
9:30am – 10:30am (1hr)	<i>Creative Motions Practice</i> – Sam Dennis, <i>Sam Dennis Law</i> & John Lentine, <i>Sheffield & Lentine, PC.</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<i>Witness Interviewing</i> – Kevin McClain, <i>McClain Private Investigations, LTD.</i> <i>Salon A</i>
10:30am – 10:45am	Break (refreshments)	
10:45am – 12:00pm (1.25hr)	<i>Litigating Race</i> – Byron Conway, <i>DEI & B Director for Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel</i> – Colorado <i>Cypress C</i>	<i>Social Media & Electronic Investigation</i> – Kevin McClain, <i>McClain Private Investigations, LTD.</i> <i>Salon A</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)	
1:00pm-2:00pm (1hr)	<u>Main Track (1-1:45)</u> <i>Crossing a Cop: Motion Hearings</i> Sam Dennis, <i>Sam Dennis Law</i> & John Lentine, <i>Sheffield & Lentine, PC.</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<u>Mitigation Track</u> <i>Mitigation Roundtable</i> – Lori James-Townes, <i>LSCW-C, Exec. Dir., NAPD</i> <i>Salon A</i>



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2:00pm – 3:00pm (1hr)	<i>Theory of the Case</i> Heather Rogers, <i>Santa Cruz County Public Defender</i> <i>Cypress C</i>			
3:00pm – 3:15pm	<i>Break (refreshments)</i>			
3:15pm – 4:00pm (.75hr)	<i>Access to Court Interpreters-</i> Deenie Miller, <i>Language Access Coordinator, AOC</i> <i>Cypress C</i>			
4:00pm – 5:15pm (1hr)	<u>Main Track</u> <i>Appellate Court Update</i> –Justin Cook, <i>Asst. State Public Defender</i> <i>Cypress C</i>	<u>Breakout Session</u> <i>Interactive Cross –</i> Heather Rogers, Sam Dennis, and John Lentine <i>Salon A</i>	<u>Breakout Session</u> <i>Interactive Cross –</i> Heather Rogers, Sam Dennis, and John Lentine <i>Salon B</i>	<u>Breakout Session</u> <i>Interactive Cross –</i> Heather Rogers, Sam Dennis, and John Lentine <i>Salon C</i>
5:30pm – 8:00pm	MPDA Reception & Karaoke Night (Shuttle provided) <i>Bridges Private Room</i>			

Friday, April 28, 2023

7:00am- 9:15am	Breakfast <i>Cypress B</i>
9:15am- 10:30am (1.25 hr)	Client Communication (<i>Ethics</i>) Professor Donald Campbell, <i>MS College School of Law</i> <i>Cypress B</i>
10:30am– 11:30am (1.0 hr)	A Talk with MDOC Commissioner Nathan “Burl” Cain and Deputy Commissioners Jeworski Mallet, Nathan Blevins, Brandley Lum and Pedro Moreno – <i>MS Dept of Corrections</i> <i>Cypress B</i>